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1 July 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of ICAPS

SUBJECT : The Exploitation of the Foreign Press

Reference A : ICAPS Memorandum re same subject, dated  
19 June 1947

1. Reference A requested the views of ORE regarding the adequacy of the coverage of the foreign press by overseas government establishments.

2. In line with the suggestion of Reference A, no extended study of this subject has been made. It is not possible, therefore, to make a categorical statement at this time as to whether or not the coverage of the foreign press by overseas government agencies is adequate. A cursory study of reports received to date, however, indicates that such coverage does not seem to follow any well defined plan and it is believed that a study of this problem that would result in the formulation of a definite plan for adequate coverage would be most useful. Planned exploitation of this source of intelligence would seem to be most desirable.

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